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Recreational Advisory for Lake Reba Lifted After Testing Confirms Dissipation of Harmful Algal Blooms

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 7, 2015) – The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) and the Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH) are removing the recreational use advisory for Lake Reba, in Madison County, effective immediately. Results from recent sampling by DOW indicate the levels of microcystin toxin occurring in Lake Reba are below levels of concern.

The recreational advisory issued on Sept. 18, 2015, was prompted by the presence of harmful algal blooms (HABs) on the lake, which have now dissipated. The latest testing results show the lake to be consistently below the DOW recreational threshold of 20 parts per billion of microcystin toxins.

The DOW and DPH remind Kentuckians that there are always risks associated with recreating in natural waters, especially with the incidental ingestion of water. The agencies remind Kentuckians to avoid contact with waters that have obvious algal blooms or are otherwise visually suspect.

If you are concerned that you have symptoms that are a result of exposure to HABs or other water borne disease please see your doctor and call your local health department. For additional information about HABs or other water quality concerns, contact Andrea Keatley at the Kentucky Division of Water at (502) 564-3410 or Justin T. Carey, Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, Department for Public Health, at (502) 564-7398.

<http://water.ky.gov/waterquality/pages/HABS.aspx>.

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